

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-third Legislature First Regular Session - 2015

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1406, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST APPROVE ANY CURRICULUM OR RULE CHANGE IN A NURSING PROGRAM THAT MAY ALTER EXISTING ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1406, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1406. NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Approval.

(a) Qualifications. Persons and institutions desiring to offer or conduct approved nursing education programs in the state of Idaho shall comply herewith. Approval shall be conditioned upon and subject to continuing compliance with standards adopted by the board respecting faculty, staff, curriculum, administration, financial stability and other matters affecting the quality of nursing education. ~~However, any curriculum or rule change considered by the board which may alter existing articulation agreements between educational institutions, or existing nursing programs of the eleven (11) month LPN, the two (2) year associate degree/RN, or the four (4) year baccalaureate degree must be approved by the state board of education prior to implementation.~~

(b) Initial compliance. Upon receipt of an application hereunder, a survey of the program, including clinical facilities and affiliated institutions, shall be made under the direction of the executive director and a written report of the findings shall be submitted to the board. If the board determines that the standards have been met, it shall issue a certificate of approval.

(c) Continuing compliance. To ~~insure~~ ensure the continuing compliance with adopted standards, all approved nursing education programs shall be surveyed and reviewed periodically under the direction of the executive director. Written reports of the findings shall be submitted to the board. In the event any program fails to maintain compliance required by this section, the board may withdraw its prior certification, or impose such conditions and restrictions as may secure compliance within a reasonable period of time by notification in writing and specifying the reasons for the action. Action against any existing program must be based upon fact and subject to appeal as provided for administrative action pursuant to chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.